

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL O'HANLON

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the memory and life of an avid outdoorsman and preservationist. Michael O'Hanlon, of Rosita, Colorado, recently lost his life in a climbing accident while exploring Mt. Adams, Colorado's highest peak under fourteen thousand feet in the Sangre de Cristo mountains. As his family mourns their loss, I would like to take this moment to pay tribute to Michael's life before this body of Congress and this nation.

Mike has given a lot to his community, his state, and his nation through his preservation efforts. As an experienced climber, Mike explored all of Colorado's fourteen-thousand-footers, climbing 70 peaks in the Sangre de Cristo mountain range alone. He shared his knowledge and his experience with visitors to his Westcliffe bookstore, Hungry Gulch Books and Trails, as well as through his own trail guidebook dedicated to the Sangre de Cristo mountains.

Mike and his wife Susan Tichy were active in preservation efforts of Colorado's vast land and water resources. They were both board members of the San Isabel Foundation and Mike served on the board for the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Council, as well as spending ten years on the Custer County Search and Rescue's first-response team.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor the memory of Michael O'Hanlon and his efforts toward preserving Colorado's remarkable natural resources in a responsible manner. My sincere condolences go out to his family and friends. Mike has done a lot for Southern Colorado and will be sorely missed.

TRIBUTE TO A GREAT AMERICAN—
DON F. ANDREW**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American, my good friend Don F. Andrews, who passed away last week at the young age of fifty-six.

Don Andrews was born in Goldsboro, North Carolina on December 20, 1945 and grew up in Faison. He was drafted into the Army during the Vietnam War. He was a highly decorated Green Beret in the U.S. Army Special Forces and served ten years in uniform. He completed a remarkable four campaigns in Vietnam where he earned two Silver Stars, four Bronze Stars with valor, three Purple Hearts, two Air Medals with valor and was recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross.

He met and married Frances Kennedy from Lee County while he was running the Special Forces School at Fort Bragg. During a tour in Bangkok, Thailand, Frances' father, Haskell Kennedy, passed away, and Don changed his plans to make a career of the military to return home to be near his wife's mother, Evelyn Wade Kennedy.

After leaving the Army, armed with the discipline and the drive the military had taught him, he started a grocery business, for which his father had taught him. Don grew the business to 32 stores in two states and employed approximately 1800 people. He later sold his chain to a Fortune 500 company.

Don's life was filled with many accomplishments. He volunteered for the Faison Volunteer Fire Department. He had been a member of the Faison Jaycees. He was named Lee County Small Business Person of the Year in 1988. He was a former member of the NC State University Agricultural Advisory Board. He had testified before the United States Congress on small business affairs. He was past president of the N.C. Food Dealers Association. He was named Grocer of the Year in 1990. He was a former director of the Whiteville Chamber of Commerce. He was a director of the Broadway Lions Club. He was commander of the Broadway American Legion. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He served on the board of directors for RBC Centura. He was a member of the N.C. Veterans Memorial Pavilion. And he was a member of Broadway Presbyterian Church. He was a savvy businessman. His latest endeavors included several developments in the Broadway area and a vigorously run campaign for Lee County Commissioner.

Among his greatest accomplishments was his family. He leaves behind his wife, Dr. Frances K. Andrews and mother-in-law, Evelyn W. "Grandma" Kennedy. He had two grown children. One son, Donald F. Andrews, Jr and wife Lori of Broadway, NC; one daughter, Lisa A. Radford and husband Brian of Faison, NC. And he was a doting grandfather of three: Cherish, Christopher and Dylan. He also leaves behind one brother, James E. Andrews and wife Joyce of Faison, NC and one sister, Mary R. Garafola of Hammonds, LA.

Mr. Speaker, The Second Congressional District of North Carolina, which I have the honor of serving in this House, has lost one of its leading citizens. And I have lost a dear friend.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE CITY
OF FOSTORIA, OHIO AND THEIR
HONORABLE DESIGNATION AS
TRAIN CITY, USA**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to stand before my colleagues in the House to pay special tribute to a special community in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. On November 2, 2002, the community of Fostoria, Ohio will be designated as "Train City, USA."

Mr. Speaker, the City of Fostoria has been blessed with a rich train heritage, dating back to the 1800's. In the beginning, five great railroads radiated like the spokes of a wheel, with Fostoria as the hub. The freight, mail, and passenger trains that passed through Fostoria on their way to Indiana and Illinois helped play a major role in the early development of Fostoria. In fact, the history of Fostoria is essentially the history of the development of trans-

portation and its associated industry, and the chapters in history will reveal Fostoria's thrilling history as a railroad thoroughfare.

The first railroad through Fostoria, originally named the Fremont and Indiana Rail Road Co., was planned to extend from Fremont through Fostoria, by way of Findlay, to the Indiana state line. Construction began in 1854, but did not reach its destination until 1859.

Today, trains are still an indelible part of the Fostoria landscape. The community experiences an average of 160 trains each day making it one of the busiest rail intersections in the United States. Affectionately known as the "iron triangle," trains are dispersed on three separate rail lines that converge in the center of the city.

This built-in hub of train activity, which makes for ideal viewing and photography by rail enthusiasts of all ages. The Fostoria Area Visitors Bureau along with the City of Fostoria, have formed a Train Tourism Committee. Plans are also underway for rail-based murals on all overpasses, celebrating the historical significance of the train to Fostoria.

Fostoria embraces their significant rail heritage and will continue to share this with visitors and members of their community. It is a labor of love, pride, and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the diligent effort and unwavering spirit of those individuals determined to see this project through to completion. Our communities are served well by having such honorable and giving citizens who care about the education that future generations receive so that our historical heritages are preserved well into the future. I am confident that this designation of "Train City, USA" will serve as an essential link to a piece of American, and Ohio, history.

IN HONOR OF LUIS MUNOS MARIN
MIDDLE SCHOOL**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

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Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the Luis Munos Marin Middle School in Cleveland, Ohio for affording me the opportunity to visit with young students during my Third Annual Back-to-School Tour on Monday, September 23rd and Monday, September 30th of 2002. I would like to offer, special thanks to Cleveland School Municipal District CEO Barbara Byrd Bennett, Superintendent Esther Johnson and Principal Eva Valez-Torres for their leadership and kind hospitality. The tour was an educational experience for all who were in attendance.

Luis Munos Marin Middle School has set forth major academic goals for the year, which include targets to exceed standards by 5 percent in all parts of the proficiency test; improve attendance rate to 95 percent; and continue to increase parent involvement by 10 percent. Recent accomplishments from last year include being a Corridors of Excellence School; an across the board increase in test scores by seventh grade students; an increase in attendance by 7 percent; and an increase in parent involvement by 10 percent.

I commend the Luis Munos Marin Middle School for its commitment to education and